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SUBJECT: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATION-KEY AND IMPORTANT ISSUES

REF: STATE 220773, STATE 220772, CARACAS 9590, CARACAS 9589

1. SUMMARY: GOV VIEWS ON KEY AND IMPORTANT ISSUES CONCERNING 31ST UNGA HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS' VISIT TO CARACAS IN AUGUST 1976. END SUMMARY.

2. POLCOUNS DISCUSSED KEY AND IMPORTANT ISSUES CONNECTED WITH 31ST UNGA ON SEPT. 9 WITH AMB. JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ, FOREIGN MINISTRY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY. IN GENERAL, GOV MAINTAINS SAME POSTURE AS EXPRESSED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS DURING HIS AUGUST 1976 VISIT TO CARACAS (SEE REFTELS). AMB. MARTINEZ SAID GOV BELIEVES SOUTHERN AFRICA AND RELATED ISSUES WILL BE THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL AT 31ST UNGA FOLLOWED BY ZIONISM, TERRORISM, NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND THE ELECTION OF THE UNSYG.

3. ON KEY ISSUES, GOV VIEWS AS FOLLOWS:

A. KOREA - GOV WILL BE HELPFUL AGAIN.

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B. PUERTO RICO - SINCE VOTE NOT ON THE AGENDA THIS YEAR, MARTINEZ SIMPLY STATED GOV UNDERSTANDS USG SENSITIVITY.

C. MIDDLE EAST - GOV WILL NOT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN ANY MIDDLE EAST DEBATE.

4. ON IMPORTANT ISSUES, GOV POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

A. SOUTHERN AFRICA - GOV EXPECTS THIS AND RELATED ISSUES TO BE MOST CONTROVERSIAL AT 31ST UNGA. MARTINEZ SAID GOV IMPRESSED WITH US POSTURE AS RECENTLY EXPRESSED BY SECRETARY AND HOPES US EFFORTS ON NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA BEAR FRUIT.

B. ZIONISM/RACISM - GOV WOULD ABSTAIN ON ANY FURTHER VOTES TO IDENTIFY ZIONISM WITH RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

C. CYPRUS - GOV BELIEVES BOTH TURKISH AND GREEK COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE HEARD IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE, BUT THAT CYPRUS DEBATE SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN PLENARY AS ESTABLISHED IN 1974.

D. WESTERN SAHARA - GOV SUPPORTS PEACEFUL AND REGIONAL EFFORTS AT RESOLUTION.

E. UNRWA FINANCING - GOV, AS OFFERED LAST YEAR, WILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR.

F. INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE (IOPZ) - GOV WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CONCEPT OF IOPZ BECAUSE LATIN AMERICA FIRST ESTABLISHED A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE WITH TREATY OF TLAHELCO.

G. HUMAN RIGHTS - GOV IS INTERESTED AND SUPPORTS GA EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD.

H. INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM - GOV IS AWARE OF GERMAN INITIATIVE AND, TOGETHER WITH COLOMBIA, INTENDS TO SUPPORT IT IF THERE IS RECEPTIVITY TO THAT PROPOSAL AT 31ST UNGA.

I. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE - GOV WOULD SUPPORT SPECIAL SESSION.

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J. UNCTAD IV: COMMODITIES - ALL IMPORTANT INTERLOCUTORS IN GOV AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY ARE OUT OF TOWN. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT GOV'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN MOVEMENT ON COMMODITY ISSUES.

K. UN BUDGET - GOV SUPPORTS INCREASES FOR PROGRAM COSTS BUT NOT RPT NOT FOR NEW TASKS OR ORGANIZATIONS. IN GENERAL GOV SUPPORTS BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

L. UN RESTRUCTURING - GOV SUPPORTS WORK OF AD HOC COMMITTEE.

M. EXTERNAL EVALUATION MECHANISM - GOV SUPPORTS EXTERNAL
EVALUATION MECHANISM AND RENEWAL OF MANDATE OF JOINT INSPECTION
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